SECTION XII.

S A N N Y A S A ,
OR
R E N U N C I A T I O N .

AiiJUNA said :

1. I desire, O mighty-armed ! to know severally the
-essence of renunciation, O Hrishikesha, and relinquish-
ment, O Keshinisudana.—(xviii. 1.)

SHRI BHAGAVAN said :

2. Sages have known as renunciation the renouncing
of works with desire ; the relinquishing of the fruit of all
action is called relinquishment-by the wise,—(xviii. 2.)

3. « Action should be relinquished as an evil," declare
some thoughtful men ; " acts of sacrifice, gift and austerity
should not be relinquished/* say others.—(xviii. 3.)

Renunciation and Relinquishment are not different. Shr£
Bhagavan's conclusion regarding them.

SHRI BHAGAVAN said :

4. Hear my conclusions as to that relinquishment, O
best of the Bharatas; since relinquishment, O tiger of
.men, has been explained as threefold.—(xviii. 4.)

4. Acts of sacrifice, gift and austerity should not be
relinquished, but should be performed ; sacrifice, gift and
also austerity are the purifiers of the intelligent.—(xviii. 5.)

5. But even these actions should be done leaving aside
attachment and fruit, O Partha ; that is my certain and
best belief.—(xviii. 6.)

6. Verily renunciation of actions that are prescribed is
not proper; the relinquishment thereof from delusion is
.said to be Tamasic.—(xviii. 7.)